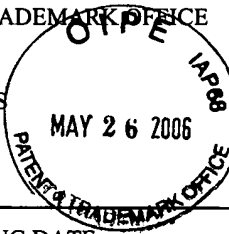


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PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICEATTORNEY DOCKET NO.
026073-00005TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES
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DATE: May 26, 2006

U.S. APPL. NO. (IF KNOWN, SEE
37 C.F.R. 1.5) **10/580851**INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO.
PCT/IT04/000658INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE
November 26, 2004PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED
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TITLE OF INVENTION: METHOD FOR QUANTITATIVE AND SEMI-QUANTITATIVE DETECTION OF L-PHENYLALANINE, L-TYROSINE, L-3, 4-DIHYDROXYPHENYLALANINE AND THEIR CORRESPONDING KETO-ACIDS, PHENYLPIRUVIC ACID, 3-HYDROXYPHENYLPYRUVIC ACID AND 3, 4-DIHYDROXYPHENYLPYRUVIC ACID IN BIOLOGICAL FLUIDS, RELATED KITS FOR DIAGNOSIS AND MONITORING OF ALTERED METABOLISMS OF THESE AMINOACIDS

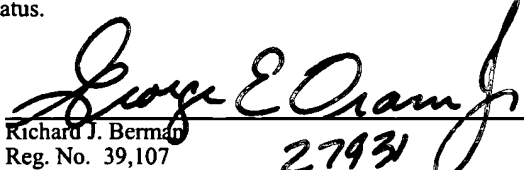
APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US: Giorgio RICCI (Rome, Italy), Francesco RICCI (Rome, Italy), Giorgio FEDERICI (Rome, Italy)

Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:

1. ☒ This is a **FIRST** submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.
2. ☐ This is a **SECOND** or **SUBSEQUENT** submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.
3. ☒ This is an express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f)). The submission must include items (5), (6), (9) and (21) indicated below.
4. ☐ The U.S. has been elected (Article 31).
5. ☒ A copy of the International Application as filed [35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)]
 - a. ☒ is attached hereto (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau).
 - b. ☐ has been communicated by the International Bureau.
 - c. ☐ is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US).
6. ☒ An English language translation of the International Application into English [35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)].
 - a. ☒ is attached hereto.
 - b. ☐ has been previously submitted under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).
7. ☐ Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 [35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)]
 - a. ☐ are attached hereto (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau).
 - b. ☐ have been communicated by the International Bureau.
 - c. ☐ have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired.
 - d. ☐ have not been made and will not be made.
8. ☐ An English language translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 [35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)].
9. ☐ An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) [35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4)].
10. ☐ An English language translation of the annexes to the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 [35 U.S.C. 371(c)(5)].

Items 11 to 20 below concern other document(s) or information included:

11. ☒ An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 C.F.R. 1.97 and 1.98; and SB08a Form, refs (3)
12. ☐ An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 C.F.R. 3.28 and 3.31 is included.
13. ☒ A preliminary amendment.
14. ☐ An Application Data Sheet under 37 CFR 1.76.
15. ☐ A substitute specification.
16. ☐ A power of attorney and/or change of address letter.
17. ☐ A computer-readable form of the sequence listing in accordance with PCT Rule 13ter.2 and 37 CFR 1.821 - 1.825.
18. ☐ A second copy of the published international application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).
19. ☐ A second copy of the English language translation of the international application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).
20. ☒ Other items or information: Copy of PCT Request (Form PCT/RO/101); Notification Concerning Submission of Transmittal of Priority document (Form PCT/IB304); Copy of International Search Report (Form PCT/PCT/ISA/220); Notification Concerning Transmittal of copy International Application as Published or Republished (Form PCT/IB/311); International Publication WO2005/052589; PCT Notification of Receipt of Papers Purporting to be an International Application (Form PCT/RO/125)

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The following fees are submitted:				CALCULATIONS	PTO USE ONLY
21. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Basic National Fee		\$300.00		\$ 300.00	
22. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examination Fee If International Preliminary Examination Report prepared by USPTO and all claims satisfy provisions of PCT Article 33(1)-(4)		\$100.00		\$ 200.00	
All other situations		\$200.00			
23. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Search Fee Search Fee (37 CFR 1.445(a)(2)) has been paid on the International Application to the USPTO as an International Searching Authority		\$100.00		\$ 400.00	
International Search Report prepared and provided to the Office		\$400.00			
All other situations		\$500.00			
TOTAL OF CALCULATIONS FOR 21, 22 and 23 =				\$ 900.00	
<input type="checkbox"/> Additional fee for specification and drawings filed in paper over 100 sheets (excluding sequence listing or computer program listing filed in an electronic medium). The fee is \$250 for each additional 50 sheets of paper or fraction thereof.					
Total Sheets	Extra Sheets	Number of each additional 50 or fraction thereof (round up to a whole number)	Rate		
- 100 =	/50 =		x \$250.00	\$	
Surcharge of \$130.00 for furnishing the oath or declaration later than <input type="checkbox"/> 20 <input type="checkbox"/> 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date [37 C.F.R. 1.492(e)].				\$	
Claims	Number Filed	Number Extra	Rate		
Total Claims	40 - 20 =	20	x \$ 50.00	\$ 1000.00	
Independent Claims	2 - 3 =	0	x \$200.00	\$ 0	
Multiple dependent claim(s) (if applicable)			+ \$360.00	\$ 360.00	
TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS =				\$ 2260.00	
Reduction by one-half for filing by small entity, if applicable. Small entity status under 37 C.F.R. §§1.9 and 1.27 is hereby claimed.				\$ 1130.00	
SUBTOTAL =				\$ 1130.00	
Processing fee of \$130.00 for furnishing the English translation later the <input type="checkbox"/> 20 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date [37 C.F.R. 1.492(f)].				\$	
TOTAL NATIONAL FEE =				\$ 1130.00	
Fee for recording the enclosed assignment [37 C.F.R. 1.21(h)]. The assignment must be accompanied by an appropriate cover sheet (37 C.F.R. 3.28, 3.31). \$40.00 per property				\$	
TOTAL FEES ENCLOSED =				\$ 1130.00	
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a. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Check # _____ in the amount of \$ 1130.00 to cover the above fees is enclosed. b. <input type="checkbox"/> Please charge my Deposit Account No. 01-2300 in the amount of \$ _____ to cover the above fee. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed. c. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 01-2300.					
NOTE: Where an appropriate time limit under 37 C.F.R. 1.494 or 1.495 has not been met, a petition to revive (37 C.F.R. 1.137(a) or (b)) must be filed and granted to restore the application to pending status.					
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